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MAYOR BOB FILNER

NEWS RELEASE

**MAYOR RETURNS PORT COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS
TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

(SAN DIEGO) – Mayor Bob Filner returned the San Diego Unified Port District appointments to the San Diego City Council today.

The Mayor outlined four reasons for not accepting the appointments:

1. Residents of District Four did not have a voice in the appointment, due to a vacant seat.
2. The City does not have goals or objectives for the waterfront. A Mayor-City Council workshop should be convened to reach consensus on the "City's Vision and Policy for our Port."
3. The City Council's policies and procedures do not "establish a method of ensuring the accountability of our appointed Commissioners." There are no minimum qualifications; a common application; a review and screening process; a transparent voting procedure; or mandated reporting requirements.
4. The selection process used by the San Diego City Council was flawed.

"The Port District plays a vital role in our community and is central to the economic and cultural success of our region," the Mayor said. "We need to have a vision of the Port that these Commissioners can carry out."

Attached is the January 18, 2013 memorandum outlining the Mayor's decision.

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Attachment